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**Applicant(s):** Mazzurco, et al.

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Architecture

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action (“Office Action”) dated January 30, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks on the grounds that the application is in condition for allowance.